SRAF Bulletin 86

We are somewhat confused as to who or what exactly constitutes a SRAF group, which is why we had no list of member groups last issue. This time we decided to define a SRAF group as everybody on our mailing list who isn't an individual or publication. We realize this is a rather liberal definition, so if you are listed below and should not be, or for that matter if you aren't there and want to be, please let us know.

Chris Cooper will be sending us a package of back issues and buttons, so these should be available soon. The reviews of our editorial policy were generally favorable, so we'll continue to attach editorial notes if we deem it necessary, although we hope to see them rarely. (Also, does anyone know Dave Tucker's full address?)

We are pleased to put together a 32 page issue, but we had to break the bank to do it. And since most of us don't quite have the stomach to just blow the damned thing up, we have to renew our plea for funds. It takes about $150 to put together an issue of this size, which is about the figure you see we have to play with. It seems possible that our income has stabilized at this level, but we'll only believe that when we see it. We also encourage barter, trading publications, supplies, stamps and even more creative ways to convince us to send copies to you. In any case, keep in touch:

yours in struggle,

SRAF Boston
41 Lawrence St
Medford, Ma 02155 USA

applicable if checked:
(✓) Thankyou for your contribution, letter, and/or printed materials.
( ) You must contact us because we're not sure if you wish to continue receiving the Bulletin.

Finances for Jan-March 1984: Donations-- Mo $5, La $5, Ill $1, NY $5, Ma $20, Md $5, Ga $1, Que $3, Mich $5, Que $10, NC $1, Kan $10, Ohio $1, Ill $5, NY $1, Que $4.17, Eng $10, Colo $5, Ma $5, Pa $5, Eng $10, NY $20.33, Que $3.85, France $1.18, Ca $10, total-- $152.53
Expenses-- #85-- copying $54.27, postage $67.97, ctotal-- $122.24.
Balance prior to #86-- $164.99

Notes: We have received information from Centro Studi Libertari, G. Finelli, Ville Monza 255, 20126 Milano, Italy, concerning an International Anarchist Gathering in Venice this September. We will be sending them copies of our July issue (#88) for display and distribution-- and we urge anyone who will be in the neighborhood to attend. Further information is available from them or from us. Also, for those interested in a longer version of the Presence International manifesto which was printed last issue, copies are available from PI or from us. Finally, in the free information department, we have received a lot of correspondance concerning a dispute between James Parker, a prisoner in Knoxville, Tenn, and a "well-known California anarchist." We were asked to print it all by a third party, but after speaking to parker himself, we agreed to merely make copies available free for the asking.

We wish to publicly thank Freedom for printing our letter of a few months ago in their magazine. It has resulted in 4 new members and many sizeable cash contributions-- bringing much joy to our hearts. The least we can do is return the favor and suggest y'all subscribe to Freedom, Angel Alley, 84b Whitechapel High St, London, E1 7QX, Enland.

We plan to start putting together Bulletin #87 on 18 May 1984.

SRAFeds,

I was a bit bewildered to see an old letter of mine printed in the latest issue of the Bull - it was intended as personal correspondence (with some of my leaflets) to the previous SRAFprint in D.C. and the best reason I can think of for its inclusion in #85 is that there just wasn't anything else left to take up space. Well, anyone curious about those pieces I went on so much about can write me for copies and more.

I have begun a series of leaflets, "Visit With An Endangered Species" which depict various acts of resistance to civilization and technology - free for the asking. I'm also soliciting news clippings, photos or what have you for future inclusion in the series.

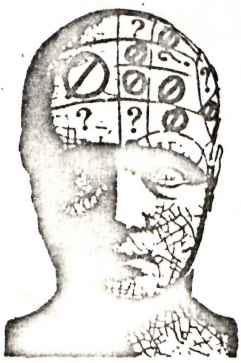
Glad to see Joffre back as well as "mad hatter", R. Yves Breton whose discussions on anarchist philosophy deserve more attention than many are willing to give - More Yves, More!

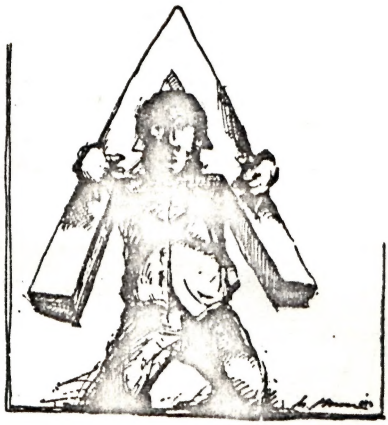
Just for future referance, I am admittidly an anarcho or anti organism of one sort or another. When I find out for sure I'll be sure to let everyone know but 'anarchist'...no. The "lable" as I percieve it to be these daze, implies that I fit into some preconcieved notion...none of that stuff for me thank you. Sheesh! The way some folks go on about the big "circle A", you'd think they meant it to mean an "albatross" to be worn around one's neck.

Referance Bob Black's comments on KIO. It would seem Bob is the most censored commentator around with the possible exception of Joffre Stewart. I saw that issue he took issue with. His argument and terminology may have been "sexist" but they certainly were appropriate.

Rancorly and snidely yours,

Garrett Michael O'Hara
POB 811
Junction City, KS 66441





SYMBOLS: *Learn the Secret Code of* NIHIL

Mid-Hudson Associates
P. O. Box 310
Rosendale, NY, 12472
December 29, 1983

MHA recommends that the SRAFBull. institute a policy of limiting debate by organizations that are obviously neither a part of SRAF nor sympathetic to its aims. There have been times in the recent past when, for instance, representatives of the IWW have used the pages of SRAFBull. to try and censure our affiliates and members. We are not suggesting that the IWW or anyone else be denied access to make a reply to any comments but they should have the courtesy not to flood our pages with half a dozen of their letters all in the interest of touting their cause. Since they are a severely hierarchical organization let them "vote" themselves a representative to speak their position and be done with it. It is obscene to think that an anti-anarchist organization could flood our pages by posing as individuals while they perform as a "party line". If our federation tolerates that behaviour it is not democratic practice but pointless suicide. Many groups would like to take pot shots at us but we don't have to load their weapons.
Finally, rumor has it that the pages of SRAFBull haven't heard the last of anarchist comrade Joffre Stewart. Good. We repeat, both his removal and the manner in which it was achieved were not consistent with anarchist principles. Joffre is at odds with us on some points but not near as at odds were by some of the racists who have attacked him. His stand against white racism has made him many enemies in and out of the anarchist movement. One day we plan to get into the issue of racism inside the anarchist movement as it permeates all of north america, not today.

February 14, 1984

I have been contending with conditions in the deep south, not unmatched here in the north, but requiring personal attention at the time. I did not, unfortunately, enjoy much warmth and sunshine as I busied trying to help a nice person who took a bullet to the skull and after surviving that had to get help fighting a white racist power structure which tried to deny him needs even as a crime victim. That done I tried a hand at the struggle for Chicano migrants thrown into the streets without help after bosses decided to cut their losses from the fruit and vegetable freeze and had their political cronies cut back on migrant aide, etc. Finally, unable to get work to get home lucked into a loan for a bus ticket to discover I'm <u>still</u> left the (A) work hereabouts. Meanwhile, a new SRAFBull received with gratitude. IWW comments in the first part of this letter are confirmed with the #85 Bul. I, by the way, resigned as delegate last year over its racism'.

V. T. Lee

IF THE G.O.P. WON'T STOP THE WAR . . .

Dear SRAFniks,

We are all sadly aware of those who oppose Anarchism because, they say, it is chaos. Anarchism is seen as a dreaded monster, and states "slip" into anarchy as one would slip into a quagmire. They say that anarchism is lack of structure and, in true pessimistic Hobbesian form, that the lost restaints on individual behaviour would create a world of selfish, violent, unstable and untrustworthy individuals.

Of course, already living in a state filled with selfish, violent, untrustworthy and unstable individuals makes us questions just what harm they see anarchism bringing to the status quo. But that issue aside, we must all address their misconception of anarchist society.

Anarchy is not chaos; it is not lacking all order. There is structure to anarchy-- a decentralized and non-hierarchical structure. There is order in anarchist society, but it is perpetuated through collaboration instead of competition. Anarchy is not the hellish entropy that breaks down freedoms into fearful existence, it is a way for people to cooperate in making their freedoms truly inalienable.

There now, are all of the doubters satisfied? No? Well, perhaps that is the issue to address. What will it take for people to believe in anarchy as we do?

I would like to be bold enough to offer an answer: it will take examples. We must offer examples not only out of the past, but through the work we do today. It cannot <u>all</u> be done by example, but it certainly can start there.

Examples we could set:

I think it somewhat self-defeating to have too much infighting among SRAFniks. We must allow for free speech and the disagreements that entails, but we must also be considerate of one another. If we want to build a world of trust together, we start trusting today. (Some clichés become clichés because they are so profoundly true!)

Now, we have this terrific newsletter-medium-- let's use it well! I would like to shatter those disbelievers' spirits with some <u>focused</u> discussions. I, being a comparatively ill-informed SRAFnik, would like to read others' words on the viability of anarchism. A discussion on successes of past anarchist societies would also be greatly appreciated. But whatever the subject, let's make an example of this bulletin as an educational tool.

One final example we can set is to work cooperatively. The folks in Boston have shouldered a sizeable burden and we must all help to lighten it. This goes beyond financial support (while still including it) and, in line with anarchist ideals, includes the sharing of responsibilities, difficulties, and (yes) credit.

If we can be living examples of anarchism's potential and can use this bulletin as a mouthpiece for anarchism's promotion, who can help but believe that anarchism is possible?

Best Regards to SRAFers and Anarchists Worldwide,

Ned Greenberg
San Francisco

WE'LL STOP THE G.O.P.!

Dallas Republican Convention. Aug. 20-23, 1984. Be There!

For more details on the Dallas '84 planning conference this Nov. 19-21st, for groups and individuals interested in setting the themes and tactics of next summer's protests, write: Freeze Reagan/Bush in '84, POB 8"08, Madison, Wisc. 53708; or call: 212-533-5028... 415-552-9829.

GLENCOE, ILLINOIS

Dear SRAFriends,

The first issue of the Bulletin from Medford looks good, and I very much like your editorial stance.

Just got the news today (February 25) that the French truck drivers' uprising ended after eight days, apparently because of disharmony among the truckers and betrayal by their leadership. But it was inspirational while it lasted. From what I've been able to learn about it, it was a strike in the anarchist tradition, much of the time out of the control of leadership and organization, condemned by French political parties, but supported by the public.

The truckers called their uprising "this revolt of the imbeciles": "They consider us idiots because we'll work for 55 hours a week, and do the real job of keeping the economy going, when you get some Government employee doing 38 or 39 hours, sitting in some office." Commenting on the opposition of the French Left, one trucker said: "Well, we watched a hundred labor disputes for 15 years. The Socialists and the Communists approved them all. So we've been good learners. We're giving them one they'll remember."

Most drivers are bitter about the so-called settlement, and maybe after I write this and send it off they'll renew the blockade. Spontaneous workers' uprisings like this and like Solidarity's offer hope that an anarchist revolution is not just a dream. But the collapse of the blockade suggests that long preparation and education is needed if spontaneous strikes are to succeed.

Turning to a different kind of work, I'd like to urge SRAFeds who can, to take a serious interest in computers. The current personal computer revoluion was initiated in part by libertarian engineers who wanted to counteract the centralization of power fostered by big computers. Microcomputers can be very useful for turning out and distributing anarchist literature. Word processing programs eliminate retyping of drafts, saving hours of work. They produce beautifully typed final copy which can be formatted in various ways for newsletters, leaflets, journals or personalized letters. With the right printer and program one can produce type-set material ready for reproduction. Other programs make it quick and easy to maintain mailing lists and sort them for different kinds of mailings. A lot of the New Right's effectiveness comes from computerized mailing lists. Accounting programs might be useful to anarchist enterprises like printing shops and bookstores.

Personal computers are, of course, expensive, but prices are coming down and second-hand equipment is available. SRAF groups could pool funds or save up for computers. One computer could be shared by all the groups in an area. If the future belongs to anarchism, anarchists should avail themselves of the latest technology.

Bob

Bob Shea

Dear SRAFeds:

Not much going down in Boston these days in the way of activism beyond publishing. Now I'm sure that maintaining lines of communication is important to the anarchist movement, and some of us may be suited for nothing more by temperament, but it does make one feel guilty.

Still, if publishing is our forte we may as well do it as well as we can. Though I can't see where the money is to come from, I am pleased with the idea of a revived BLACK STAR, either as an insert to the Bulletin or as a seperate publication. I think perhaps we need to come up with a new way to do BLACK STAR, as opposed to the old method of allowing any group to declare itself a production group. Such voluntaryism and decentralization is a nice ideal, but as far as I know, it didn't work very well (I wish some long-time member of SRAF would correct me if I'm wrong on this). The current production group is proposing to assemble and distribute BLACK STAR much as we are doing the Bulletin, which would (ideally) make the difference between the two one of content rather than of production. If anyone else has brilliant ideas on how to put together BLACK STAR, we'd like to hear them.

Spider: There seems to be some general agreement that SRAF can fulfill a useful purpose as a nationwide network. I wonder how we can get from here to there? Maybe it's time to start almost from scratch. How many of the SRAF affiliates are actually active anarchist groups rather than single people writing under a group name, with a few friends to justify their "group" status? Not many, I think. Maybe the group concept could be modified in favor of individuals. Other groups like the L5 society have had success with nationwide "phone tree" organizations. Maybe something like that would be a good thing for SRAF to get into.

Bob Shea: Glad to hear that you're out in the community working for change. The only way that anarchists are going to get public support is by working with the public.

Dick Martin: The distinction between political and social organization is a pretty fine one. I'm surethat the planners running Walden II would claim to be running a social organization rather than a political one, no matter how odious we might find their organization. Control over daily life patterns can be just as bad as control over ultimate goals. Maybe the distinction between heirarchal and non-heirarchal organization is more useful.

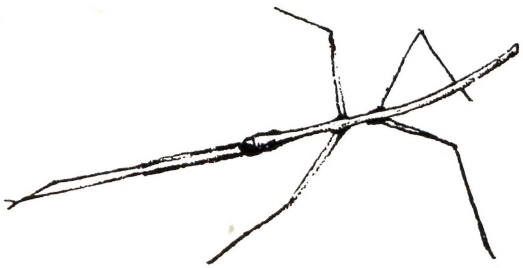
Yves Breton: SCIENCE DIGEST did a poor job of explaining the 11th-dimension theories. These higher dimansions being proposed in particle physics are mathematical formalities rather than places to live.

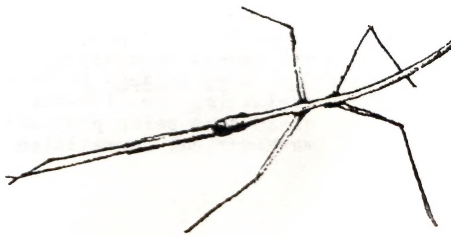
John Zerzan: Since technology is not "merely a tool" or neutral, I presume this means we shall not be seeing more reproductions of photographs, nicely typeset posters, and letters sent through the (computerized) US mail system from your group. I also presume you've decided to live naked in the woods--weaving is, after all, technology--and eat nuts and berries (you can't hope to hunt much with no technology, not even a bow and arrow). Have fun. As for me, I do not have any intention of conceding all the tools of high-tech to our opponents. Remember the American Indians getting wiped out by European settlers? Remember Nazi tanks crushing the Polish cavalry? Technology is on the side of those who use it, regardless of their ideology. Anything is subject to abuses. To try and discard all the bits of civilization that could possibly hurt anyone is to discard civilization entirely.

Bob Milnes: Sure, someone is going to raise those thousands of kids, but they're going to do it one-on-one, with plenty of personal attention and (dare I say it?) love, not in camps with a Young Adult to child ratio of 20 to 1 or worse. I don't agree that anarchist and blue collar YAs are the best role-model material we have. The incidence of self- and other-destr uctive people in the anarchist movement is pretty high. Maybe we can agree to disagree. There are alternatives to mandatory birth control. Malthus is one. Space colonization is another which, while not a final solution, will give us more time to work on it. "Disarmament would have to wait until the social revolution took place." And there will be pie in the sky by and by, I'm sure. You want a big organization to help implement your plan. May I suggest the US Armed Forces? They have a lot more manpower than the WHO, experience in changing people to fit a rigid system, and as an added bonus, they could shoot people who disagree with the plan for the thousand years of Reich, like me.

Bob Black: That'll teach you to believe in "rights". The right of free speech extends only as far as the postscript calling you an asshole.

Hail Eris!
Ukelele the Short, KSC
for the Jerry Cornelius Cabal





To the Vagina-Whipped & Other Consenting Adults,

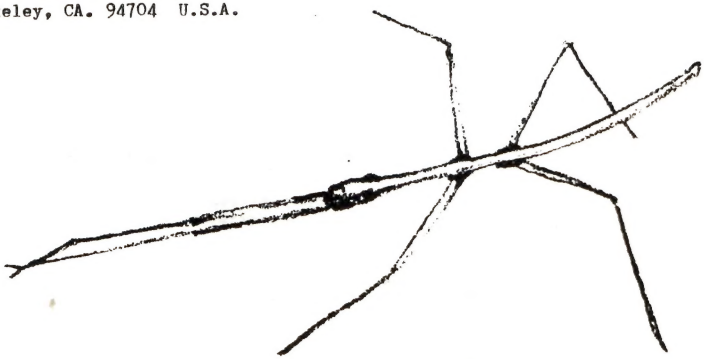
When I made the commonplace observation that Processed World was "pro-tech" in "Circle-A Deceit" (the critique of techno-domination that even the 5th Estate feared to print), Adam Cornford indignantly denied the charge, saying that to be pro- or anti-tech was, in his Marxist mother tongue, "undialectical." In the Dec. 20 San Francisco Examiner the ever-more-upscale PW top brass sang a different song to a sympathetic Hearst hack. Heiress Caitlin Manning explains: "We envision a world where such meaningless work wouldn't be necessary, where the alienation in the workplace could be reduced by the proper use of technology, and by trying to make big business more human by not organizing it around profit, waste and destruction." Gag me with Lysander Spooner!

I was pleased to learn what may be news to most of us, that the schoolmarmish petulance of the note appended to my last letter was not really the work of the entire SRAF Production Group but of one or more cranks borrowing the title to hide behind. I appreciate the efforts of the production group, but if they think it gives them special privileges in participating in the exchange of ideas, I cordially invite them to bugger off. Let them, like everybody else, write letters and sign their names or pseudonyms if they have something to say. And this time let's try not to correlate production-group ideological approbation with order of appearance. Just throw all letters down the stairs and pick'em up.

Wagar/Hayley of KIO put up one Chris. Alice, the not so beautiful "looser" of my letter thereto, to write in their defense. Insofar as his letter deals with what actually happened between KIO and I, the correspondence exchanged, which he hasn't even seen, will settle that. For the rest, essentially we have here a good German, an anonymous organization man who's acquiesced in what the leaders said in KIO's name, who now emerges from the shadows to bleat that generalizations well supported by the contents of the magazine and the public and private state ments of its bosses (re ex-"Leninism," KIO's sister-pub Up From the Ashes talks of little else) but are, as applied to this hitherto unknown specimen, unfair!

The Spark! #4 (POB 528, Port Townsend, WA. 98368), probably now available, contains an expanded version of the letter KIO's male (but not, so far as I've heard, its female) feminists got raggy about. I think they will regret having turned my attentions, even briefly, in that direction. (Aside to the prude(s) in the Production Group: I wouldn't have mentioned this except to assist in your deprogramming, but reliable sources confirm Wagar is pussy-whipped. Nyah!)

DICK WAIVER
2000 Center St. #1314
Berkeley, CA. 94704 U.S.A.



Dear SRAF:

I was glad to read Bulletin #85. We are fortunate to have a new production group that does such a good job.

To clear up some confusion then, the following is for the record. Last year when SRAF stopped printing the anti-semite, the decision was not dictated by us in DC as production group, but reached by consulting the SRAF groups.

DC SRAF voted to exclude the anti-semite.

RAAG in Atlanta voted to exclude.

MINI-TRUE in Wyoming voted to exclude.

ANARCHO CYNICALISTS in Berekely voted to exclude.

26 BLACKBIRDS in Minnesota voted to exclude.

SMAC voted to exclude, declaring that the anti-semite"is an extreme embarrassment to the entire international anarchist movement."

CANR in San Diego voted to exclude "because of the overall hateful tone of his letters and apparent anti-Jewish sentiments. The arguement that new readers, potential anarchists and others might be misled or repulsed was another factor. SRAF's resources are limited and ought to be employed in the most efficacious manner."

Black RAG in Maryland abstained.

FRIENDS OF LIBERTY abstained although they wrote "Most of our members are sick of reading his boring and compulsive ideas."

SOUTHERN AGITATOR abstained and wrote that it was the production group's decision to edit out anti-semetic material. "Like it or not, you, the production group are the editors."

LEAF in Denver abstained and wondered whether we were looking for a 2/3 vote, a majority vote or what not. They also wanted it clear what percentage of SRAF constituted a quorum.

HORSE & GOAT in NEW YORK CITY voted "other" instead of abstain, exclude, include.

RESURGENCE in Illinois also voted "other". They felt it was okay to print the anti-semite's letters provided they didn't attack Jews and were only 1 page. The anti-semite, they wrote, should be free to give his opinions as long as he didn't try to use Jews as a scapegoat for the world's problems.

CAL in Missouri voted late and in an unclear manner. Kind of non-commital, sort of no on yes and yes on no .

Mid-Hudson Associates in Rosendale was the only group that wished the Bulletin to continue printing the anti-semite's letters.

To summarize then: There were 7 groups wishing to exclude the anti-semite from the Bulletin. There were 4 abstai ons, 3 "others" and 1 grour in favor of including the anti-semite in the Bulletin.

This action taken by SRAF last year was an example of direct democracy in accordance with anarchist principles... IT WAS NOT AN EXAMPLE OF VOTING FOR A REPRESENTATIVE.

SRAF must remain, I feel, a membership controlled organization. To interpret the SRAF Declaration in practice as Absolutely anything goes in, folks, this is anarchy is to defame the tendency that SRAF is supposed to be here to serve.

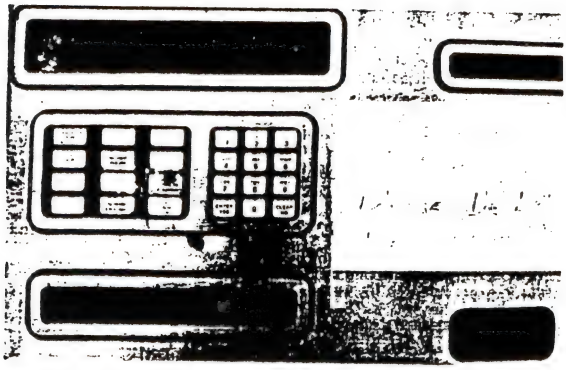
Bulletin #85 omitted the usual list of SRAF member groups. I can't recall such an ommission in 14 or so years of Bulletins.

Anyway, people, this is the last I'll be writing about this matter. We should all support the new production group as much as possible because they are making this project work for all of us. I think the idea to bring back BLACK STAR a good one.

Christopher Cooper POB 21071 Washington DC 20009

VISIT WITH AN ENDANGERED SPECIES

1



Pictured above is a bullet-dented automatic teller after a 34-year-old disabled Vietnam vet lost his temper when the machine refused to give him his money or return his bank card. Thomas Morton first beat it with the arm of his wheel chair, then fired six rounds from his 32-cal. pistol.

Congratulations go to Thomas

The spirit civilized world can't buy.

Paleo Libertine Organisms

The day that SRAF arrived I received it in the regular mail with no fuss or bother--that very same day I was called into the Case Manager's office and shown a letter I received from a band in Louisiana--they wrote me a short letter on the back of a flyer which showed a teenager skate-boarding with the caption "WIDE FUCKIN OPEN" and the names of the bands NECROS, SNUFFLIX and TOXIN III---he said to me, "Well I'm gonna let you have this but I think it's weird" and he wouldn't let me have the stickers that were enclosed (though later I was able to get them).

Anyway the irony is that anarchist publications are no sweat but punk imagery etc. is perceived as weird and possibly threatening.

By the way, Donny the Punk (the guy with the roundtable discussion I told you about) is mentioned in the SRAF in the letter from BOB MILNES--his letter seems one of the best as far as my being in agreement without even knowing exactly what he's saying since much of it is replies to past letters. The letter about JEWISH CHAUVINISM sounds a little way out--but the other letter that had a disclaimer where Bob Black told those other guys they were pussy-whipped on the feminist issue sounded all right to me. I'm totally down on anti-porn feminism.

I'm also kind of sympathetic to Gerry Reith's non-participatory attitude (that anarchists can't be part of movements for specific causes).

UKELELE--Naturally I agree that converting people one by one is better than bombing and shooting--and a whole lot safer too!! I also like your statement to SPIDER RAINBOW that the only rock-bottom premise of anarchism is that the state has got to go!

I would enjoy seeing more punks get involved with APAs and A and more of your correspondents becoming aware of the punk scene--maybe something positive will come of it.

I don't know if I totally consider myself an anarchist--the baser side of my nature would like to see a benevolent technocratic dictatorship (benevolent to American White Educated Needs anyhow)...

So politically I'm not much of an idea man--maybe I'm even a reactionary--I just feel so burnt out from prison life to be interested in anything but pleasure and comfort.

Shane Williams

ADDENDUM....to my letter and a few comments....

by R. Yves Breton.....

.....

First ,to clear up a few points in my last letter that appeared in SRAF # 85.....

My corections arrived too late,so it was my fault and that of the post office I guess...

It was not the French zine La Recherche but Scientific American,Dec.83 issue that had an article on the 4th dimension and its implications....

My article the THA IAD concept will not appear in Frefanzine mainly for the following reasons:
Frefanzine is an anarcho-capitalistic zine and I cannot afford it moneywise to have my article printed in it..another related reason being the too high postal costs...
Frefanzine will not send a copy free to prisoners of the state,to this I strongly object....
Frefanzine has a pro-workalcoholic attitude,that is,many of its contributors....since I believe in leisure at all times for all,thus another conflict....
Frefanzine,some of its contributors ,have a bias vs folks on welfare,etc...and since 'I' just another welfare bum,I do not fit very well with that group...
Frefanzine is definetively oriented towardsthe new technology and the computer being the new god and as believe with the Fifth Estate that the man of the year for 1983 ought to have been the sledge-hammer(smashing the computer) so.....
Frefanzine is for young adults and as I am approaching 39 years and that I am out-of-phase with the video-star war mentality...

All this points out to a petit-bourgeois mentality in Frefanzine...thus I will not write in it.

Finally Frefanzine reflects more or less what many young folks are thinking thus I will continue to subscribe to it and if there are changes for the better,away from the petit-bourgeois mentality,I might contribute to it in the near future.....*
So my article on interdimensionnal anarchism will appear in the publication that I put out...To Apeiron,journal of the pagan anarchists...next issue Summer of 84....
[copies of the Fall 83,$2.00 each, are still available... at C.P. 95 STN PLace d'ARmes ,Montréal,Qué.H2Y 3E9.]

* Just because I continue to get Frefanzine does not make me a 'covert' petit bourgeois - like many anarks listen to the 'bourgeois news' on T.V.,are they thus all lost for the cause? Some pundits might say "...if you have so $$$ to do many ventures like zines,etc... why do you not have any to contribute to Frefanzine? Aha,but putting out different papers you reach many more folks,elementary....

Regarding some comments about the content of SRAF # 85...

- To the former editors: I am glad that you are no longer the production group as I was tired of your self-censorship and I do not congratulate you for your efforts...but I recognize that at least you had the brain to pass it along to more capable folks...a small consolation....

-To the various Wobblies plaguing space in the SRAF....so the 1908 convention stated that IWW was not an anarchist syndicate,then my friends what are you doing in SRAF? And as an anarchist I am apolitical hence your assertions that anarchism is politics just show that you never understood what anarchism is...

-To Stewart,Joffre- really my friend,you let your 'bibite noire' Nemesis),the Israëli state ,blind you to some evidence...for instance your statement or slogan 'erasez l'enfame sioniste ' (sic) ...This is bad French ,2 mistakes in 3 words ,it ought to be'Ecrasez l'infâme sioniste'. And this slogan,anarchist friend ,is definetively a racist one..It was used by the French fascist starting with the Action Catholique Française up until WWII - thus a racist slogan...similar to"get honkey(whitey)"or"the nigger". And, those that are Joffre Stewart Haters as well as the non-committal anarchists in this on-going dispute,yes there are Israëli anarchists in Israël so why not support them? I do not expect the Jewish chauvinists to do so, thus it is up to us,anarchists to help our Israëli comrades -for those interested,contact[in English and as there are some civil strife in Israël,workers on various strikes vs salary freezes thus the postal service is affected ,so patience]: M.J. Toma Schük,c/o War Resisters' International[he's an anarcho-pacifist],P.O.Box 28058,Il. 61280,Tel-Aviv-Jaffa,Israël.

Bluff...I guess that apathy and chauvinists (some no doubt jewish 'anarchists') did contribute to the end of the zine.

-Sam Wagar and Co. ..look Stewart,I do not agree with him and his minions and this advice is valid for B. Black too [by the way I do not see any sexism in your letter,obviously some of the SRAF production group are afraid of their girl friends who are feminists and thus the real bosses..] It is useless to try to convice prejugdiced people..like you trying to convert Reagan or Falwell...why waste precious stamps...on such fiends?..Do a simple act like I have been doing: I no longer correspond with Wagar and compagny neither do I buy,read or patronize anymore KIO,AAPA or for that matter Strike...actions are stronger than words. Regarding Wagar and his Pagans4 Peace group- not my idea of paganism in running around semi-naked dressed in dark robes and spreading holy water at the state buildings ; sounds to me like the 80's version of the hare-krishnas gone punk .
-Latest infos: I just put out another mag,called ELEUTHEROMANIA, a small leaflet similar to the ex-Rag put out by Paul Reynolds.. except this one is in French,English.... and available FREE at certain anarchist bookstores(in limited quantities) and for the U.S. and Canada-send in 50 cents for a copy and those in Europe one or 2 international postal coupons...Write to : R. Yves Breton,CP. 95 ,STN Place d'Armes,Montréal ,Qué,H2Y 3E9 ,Canada.

day 39
since the 8th day of Xmas
on which was celebrated the circumcision
of our Earth's most famous an-archist
In the Year of The BOMB--XXXIX

SRA Feds:

Here are comments Bob Shea requested in relus Anne R Key participating in Freeze Movement. If an-archists talk to Gov't, rather than petition, then the only thing they have to tell Government is to drop dead. You do this by asking people in Government to get out of it and behave as State-wreckers like Tolstoy, Bakunin, Kropotkin and perhaps Karl Hess. We might especially address ourselves to cops, judges, turnkeys, tax-collectors; cannon-fodder and workers in weapons plants, be it Rocky Flats, the Rock Island Arsenal, or Saturday Nite Special, Inc. ... Twenty-three years ago I moved with the slogan of General & Complete Disarmament since that can only mean (for an-archists) NO COPS NO COURTS NO JAILS NO TAXES. Thus to join a Freeze movement would be a tremendous step backwards; would be to place myself within the arms-control parameters of thinking of the Ruling Class which sends around its acknowledged CIA people to so-called "Teach-ins"! They've got to join our game, not we theirs.... Perhaps one feels closer to Gov't in upscale nabor hoods like Hyde Park (Chicago) or Glencoe, IL. One should not let such accidents of terrain seduce.... a Green & Pleasant St. Patrick's to ya, R.S....

Bob Milnes frightens me where he writes: "'[d]isarmament will have to wait until the social revolution took effect.'" The social revolution is not something separate from or sequential to anti-chauvinist action or peacemaking. Peace IS the revolution. The mutiny of N-V direct action is especially appropriate as an-archist method. If we pass up, now, opportunities to violate, defeat racist custom, to break the law for peace or equivalent behavior, we will be that much more inept to make a go of it "the Day After the Revolution." ... The social upheavals in Spain & Russia were most anarchic when the people refused to fight. The more people fought for the revolution the more they lost it, the Spanish an-archists becoming allied with conscription and the Makhnovists becoming worn out by Bolshevik conscription.

With all due respect for NYC as c(*)nspiratorial centre for the world ruling class, I think, nevertheless, that it should not be a #1 priority of SRAF to grow a group there. SRAF's #1 priority is to overthrow, DEFEAT the Jewish Chauvinism which holds both it and the an-archist movement prisoner * How can the theory of revolution (an-archism) liberate Earth if

* Towards the liberation of Anne R Key: write to AAPA (P.O.B 6531, Sta. A, TORONTO Ont., M5W 1X4, Canada) (send 50 copies) and urge them to dump their JEWISH CHAUVINIST CENSORSHIP.

in USA the holders of the theory are so blinded by ethnic myth that they can nether see nor assess the fact that hundreds of Marines have already died for Israel, that same Marines are attacking STATELESS PERSONS (who might be, sans chauvinism, our natural allies) i.e. the Palestinians, and cannot find any Jews in the Ruling Class no matter how grossly Zionism rules USA foreign policy, CIA, and the Strategic Air Command ? Such an an-archism would be laffable were it not so depressingly tragic -- especially for Indians in Central America, not to mention blacks in South Africa, Uganda, anywhere the Zionist cop tries to brand the regime with the Star of David. So insidious is the Zionist presumption that even I get sucked into it merely by considering problems as they are presented. The discussion, above, of Freeze & disarmament was made without considering Israel's own nuke-force. The effect of ignoring the Zionist Monster can be either to make Israel, in its own right, the # 1 World Nuke Power or to give it parity with U.S.-SR. With Zionist leadership passing from Arrogant Fascist Terrorist to Horrible Nazi-Fascist Terrorist either outcome is terrible to imagine. (Nazi-Fascist Terrorist: a book by one LENNI BRENNER** relates how Shamir tried, thru the Vichy French, to ally Zionism with Hitler.)

With the Boston Group, I too "do not equate Judaism with Zionism" but as to Statism, what Judaism, besides Jesus', rejects the Saul-David-Solomon-Temple syndrome ? Is Reform Judaism an-archist ?... Chris Cooper admits that DC-SRAF people censored me more than once. How then can the Boston Group say that this censorship was not conditioned by Jewish Chauvinism ?... I apologize for leaving the s out of Ecrasez. Mea - ulpa.

Ecrasez L'enfame Sioniste !

Jeffrey Stewart, advocate of the ANTI-Christ, 6238 S. Aberdeen, CHICAGO, IL 606 21

* Zionism in the Age of the Dictators, Croom Helm, London & Canberra (1983); in USA: Lawrence Hill, 520 Riverside Ave, Westport, Conn 06880.

Spider Rainbow
POB 77326
Atlanta, Ga. 30357

January 29, 1984

Dear SRAFers:

My best wishes to the Boston Production Group of the SRAF Bulletin; issue number 85 shows considerable promise and imagination in dealing with the thorny problems of how to organize a production group for the newsletter of a loosely-knit anarchist federation. Needless to say, I think reprinting the "SRAF Declaration" up front was a good step, as was your candid statement of philosophy as a production group. Your handling of the letters by Joffre Stewart and Bob Black showed the appropriate kind of sensitivity that's going to be needed.I am also encouraged by your proposals regarding a possible revival of Black Star.

I don't want to devote too much space to Joffre Stewart; the issue is statism, state violence and corporate tyranny, not one misguided comrade in Chicago.Although my affinity group voted to remove Stewart's material from the Bulletin , in a way I now have mixed feelings about this, because the very crude way in which he waxes over from supposed antizionism to antisemitism in a backhanded way makes the point about the Middle East I have been trying to make in these pages and in Fifth Estate: namely how, in Western white civilization, how easily people of whatever background and whatever convictions, can insidiously, subtly fall into antiJewish attitudes, which is why I feel so strongly that anarchist opposition to zionist nationalism should be vgorously and continuously linked to general opposition to statism, including Arab nationalism and specifically the PLO. To pretend that the indigenous opposition to the Israeli state is anything other than highly nationalist and Arab chauvinist is to ignore the whole reality of the Middle East. Indeed, so dangerous is the slippage between opposition to Zionism and antisemitism, that I would go so far as to say that we should endeavor to constantly link our opposition to middle eastern nationalist movements to our opposition to racial and religious bigotry. Incidently, While the SRAF Declaration provides for protection of membership status, I don't think it expressly demands that any kind of raving attacks must, of necessity, be published in the Bulletin.

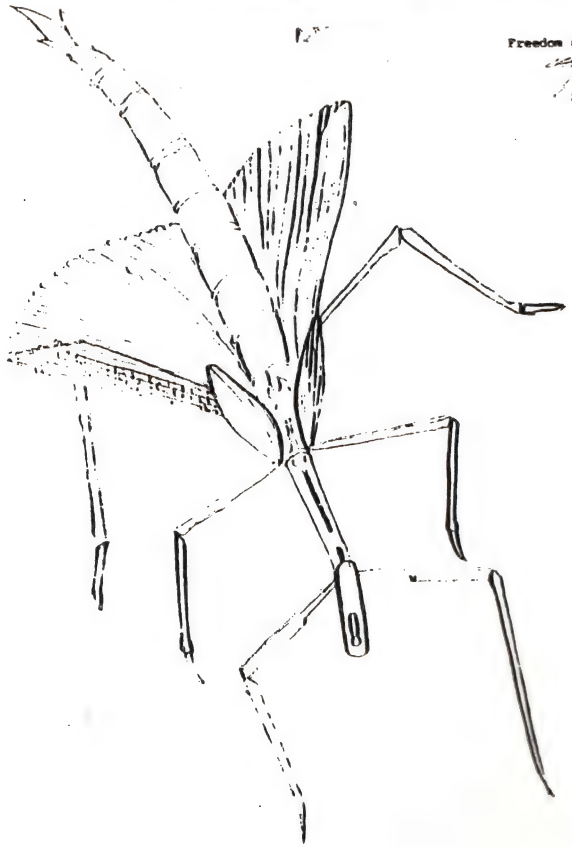
A few comments: Bob Shea: I agree with Bob that talking to the state is not selling out to the state. I think the Nuclear Freeze movement is a commendable-and effective-step in the correct direction. It is, of course, our task to raise anarchist perspectives within the movement. We each must make our own judgements; where I draw the line is between angrily demanding consessions from the state, and going to them hat in hand begging for some crust or crumb. I do the former all the time; I never do the latter. As for Bob's hypothetical thug in the alley analogy, well, of course, if you have nothing else going for you, try to come out of a bad situation alive as best you can. When a pig tells me move off the sidewalk, I move. Unless maybe if I have him way outnumbered. Like suppose Bob's thug shakes his gun at me and says "give me what's in the bag" and what's in the bag is my Browning HiPower? Take whatever analogy you wish. Ukelele The Short: Just for the record, since Chaunticleer Michael recruited all of us lefty types into Frefanzine I don't think you can really call it an "anarchocapitalist" project. Fref has no "Declaration" I know of, and has for a long time had an anarchocommunist and left-libertarian minority. The SRAF Bulletin, on the other hand, is clearly guided by a declaration which, while loosely knit, clearly links it to the battle against the Corporations, the Boss system, the profit system, as well as the state.When I speak of the "rock bottom anarchist premises" I base my comment on the assumption that words have meanings, which are largely derived from common useage. Apart from a few historical individualists and, since about 1970, a handful of fremarketeers, mostly amerikan, the term"anarchist" by people self-defined as such has denoted people who oppose the state, borders, corporate propertarianism and militarism. Certainly, this is what the SRAF Declaration is all about. I will concede to nonstatist right-wingers a term like "radical libertarian" but if you can't see that what the state does to your freedom is just about the same as what the corporations do to you, you're not an anarchist in the sense that the overwhelming number of people historically so defined are and have been. Which. incidently, doesn't mean we can't work together to smash the state, just as we work with marxists and quakerss against the war machine. But I do not consider my premises merely "personal vision of anarchy" but rather the historical vision of same. Words do have meanings.

With regard to the ethics of revolutionary action, I commend you for raising the question, which is a serious one and deserves major attention in these pages. I have pondered this matter long and hard, and have no comfortable answers, even for myself. But I do have thoughts aplenty, and they vary considerably from your own. To begin with, I am neither a pacifist nor a lover of violent acts. At the same time, I do not think that meeting the potentially world-destroying and certainly world-enslaving armed might of the state with armed resistance is, of necessity, terrorism. The question of violence is both ethical and tactical. In certain given situations, as in Ghandi's British Colonial India, nonviolent civil disobedience seems to have been the most effective and the most ethical approach to revolution. Had Ghandi lived another ten years, and continued to inspire with vigor, India today might be a de facto anarchist society. On the other hand, in 1968 when [redacted] Eastern European idealistic students placed themselves in front of oncoming Soviet tanks, they got run down. Both lessons are instructive, or should be. Ethical activist resistance must clearly distinguish random from selective acts of resistance, and must also realistically come to grips with and accept that sometimes things go wrong and innocent people become involved. If one cannot emotionally deal with this, one should have nothing to do with active resistance. The tactical question is equally thorny, namely, just what is and isn't effective in a carefully constructed "soft tyranny" like, say, Great Britain? The REAL terrorists are the states themselves, but who will LOOK like terrorists in the media-filtered eyes of the public? These questions must either be come to grips with, or we should not pretend to be an even potentially serious political force in this society, which brings me to my next comment, to Gerry Reith- Gerry, to me there are two kinds of anarchists, those who have some interest in seriously making a social revolution in our society, and those who are interested, at best in some form of ephemeral personal emancipation for themselves or their affinity group. I have no quarrel with the latter, really, I simply am not interested in what they are into. You and I are not on "different sides" of an issue, we are simply talking about different things. I have thrown my lot in with suffering humanity, and am seriously intent upon the revolutionary project. I believe anarchism, considered as a worldwide movement, is in the healthiest condition it has been in since the Spanish Civil War (though not so much here in the U.S.--yet!), and if I didn't think we had an actual chance I wouldn't waste my time. I will take exception to your characterization of me as of the "party line" since all of my views are individually thought out and often do not conform to conventional anarchist wisdom. I have, for example, profound differences with the radical feminist school which has turned its wrath on pornography, confusing sexuality with sexism, but that's a long story. I tend towards a "black and green" rather than "black and red" class analysis for advanced industrial nations. I oppose gun control. Am I getting through,Gerry? If I work within the mass peace movement, its not because of any knee-jerk response, but because, in my considered view, it is where a revolutionary should be at right here, right now. Incidently, as a former Southern Arizonan, I love the desert beyond words. I wish you well there. May light and liberty be your lot always.

Here in Atlanta, my affinity group and others are working to revive the legendary underground newspaper. THE GREAT SPECKLED BIRD as a broadly-based progressive publication. RAAG has also just released the latest issue of Circle Ⓐ in Atlanta, our most ambitious literary project to

Freedom and Solidarity,

Spider



Hi, The March 1984 issue of Ear magazine has an essay by me called "No Audience: What anarchy means for radio". To get a copy, send 2 buucks plus 50¢ post to Ear, 325 Spring St., Rm. 208, New York, N Y 10013. We've recently added Kick It Over, Maximum Rock N' Roll, and The Spark to the list of publications we sell at the local co-op.

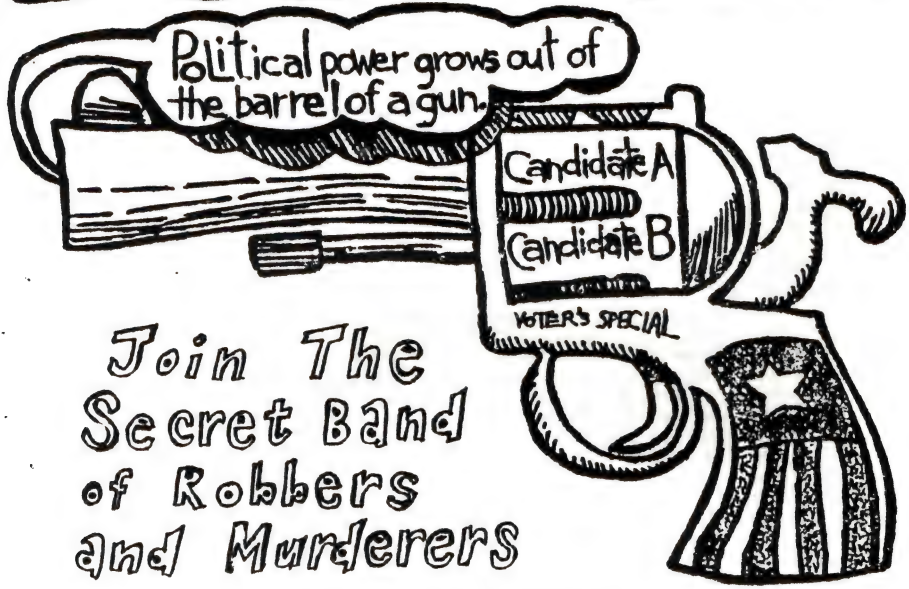
Maximum Rock and Roll is probably reaching more people with a revolutionary anti-authoritarian message than any other mag on the continent. The punk movement has done more than anything else to give an idea of what anarchy is to people. More importantly, it has contained some of the most creative and practical examples of what anarchy, in practice, can be. All ages gigs mean more for the social and sexual affirmation of "underage" persons than a hundred mouthfuls of unrealized anti-ageist preachments. At a recent benefit for our listener-sponsored radio station, young friends of mine played in several of the bans, helped take money in , made radio ads, helped run the mixing board, and in short were equal participants in the whole process.

After I published the "Punkanarchfesto" in our paper last year, I got a letter from Gerry Reith which criticized the essay for talking down to "kids". I think he was on to something; the piece was a little contrived. But the punk aesthetic makes it okay to be contrived, awkward and messed up...it's nice not to have to worry if Gerry Reith or other social critics will approve. But there's another thing that's much more important. And that is that the "young" punx in this town don't need to have anybody else tell me that I am bullshiting them. They can figure out what's real for themselves. There at least a dozen punky people in town who I really like, who are close friends and a lot of fun to be around. Some of them are as young as 13. And some of them have helped me learn more about struggling to be free than I have in a long time. So Reith, Murtagh and others can correctly or otherwise point at all sorts of contradictions in what they think of as punk, but it's been a inspiring anarchic semi-community here in Columbia these last three years. With more practical impact on the lives of all of us involved than anything else I've been involved in, or than anything suggestted by those who delight in castigating "marginals" have suggested as alternatives.

Tonight we are having a make yourown poster party. The idea is to invt friends over and create a whole bunch of posters that express whatever y'all have to express in words or graphics....Larry Tifts, who co-wrote Crime, Criminology, and Anarchism book, The Struggle to Be Human was in town from Michigan recently and made a presentation to graduate sociology students here. The following Monday three of us spoke on anarchism to a peace studies class at the university....A lot of people's time and energy will be wasted talking about the elections this year. Anarchists get caught up in this as well when they spend a lot of time talking "don't vote" and "nobody for president", without dialogueing with others about how we can empower ourselves. How can I, you,we can get things together in a way that helps further the process of liberation, in a way that really does result in a practical enhancement of our ability to take our desires for reality?

Jat sprack, Columbia Anarchist League, P.O. Box 380, Columbia, MO

Do it. Vote.



Join The Secret Band of Robbers and Murderers

Terrorism, Stealing and Miscellaneous Bullying- - - we voters enjoy it all! When we vote we sanction government terrorism, tax theft and assorted underworld activities intended to force our will on all. Only 15% of us vote but since our government has all the guns and goons, the rest of the people who don't support us are forced to pay protection(taxes) or suffer. Our morals are made law. We dictate modes of dress, permissable literature and other customs. We run other peoples lives. We are a violent terroristic minority.

Our leaders don't have to obey our orders, of course! Try demanding that your "representative" vote as you would. He doesn't have to. Who does he represent? By what authority?

IS GOVERNMENT REALLY NECESSARY?

YOUR CARD

SECRET BAND OF
ROBBERS AND
MURDERERS

welcomes_____
to its ranks.

Hi gang, I went to the New Year's Eve anarchist festival in NYC which featured ten punk bands and a nice mix of several hundred punks, anarchists, punk-anarchists, and stragglers. The only organizer I talked to was Laure; I think she's a wonderful person. But I never did find out much about what kind of group put the whole thing together. I wish I had been assertive enough to get together with them the next day. I also wish there had been some time before or after the main music/film/poetry event for getting to know some of the anarchists ,many of whom were from out of town. But thanks ever so much to all those who worked on this thing. I hope you realize what a great time people had.

The January KOPN program guide has a review essay by me on "Industrial Music". Anybody who wants a copy should send a long SASE. I think enclosing reply envelopes is often a good idea as it saves time and money for groups like the CAL, who get lots of letters, and do not esp. like having to answer them. We do answer most of our mail eventually, but those with SASE's are more likely to get a quick response.

The Synthesis newsletter goes further downhill with each issue. It has predominantly become an organ of reformist ecologism waxing eloquent about a"deep ecology" which aske "which form of religion is beneficial for all life on the planet." Issue number 15, includes a letter from a longtime acquaintance of mine, David Haenke, which claims "the term 'anarchy' has been irrevocably despoiled and basically discredited (despite the inspired work of Bookchin and yourselves) in the public mind 1) by the criticisms of its detractors (face it: they are legion) and 2) by a significant number of those who have through the years called themselves anarchists and perpetrated myriad base and counterproductive acts of personal ego-gratifying grandstanding. These acts, ofttimes (sic) violently stupid and having the same effect as if they had been done by agents provocateurs, are far removed from such strong work as that of the most effective pre WWII anarcho-syndicalist organizations of Spain. However, the counterproductive actions done in the name of anarchismbecome what is preferred (sic) by the media and become indelibly stamped into the public consciousness."

I am not suprised that an opportunist like Haenke is either ignorant of the essential thrust of anarchist activism , or deliberately distorts it, but for Synthesis to publish a misresentation, with no response, makes you wonder if they think that Haenke's account has credibility. Meanwhile the ("indelible") image of anarchism being proffered by the media these days is not always one-sided and horrible. Consider the following passage from the New York Times, 1/11/84 p. 8:

"Barcelona is not as he (Orwell) described it in December, 1936, when "the working class was in the saddle." Then, he wrote, the buildings were draped with red and black flags of the Anarchists, nobody wore suits, tipping was forbidden by law, waiters looked you in the eye and even shoeshine boys had been collectivized, their boxes painted red and black.

"But there are still traces of the movement around here and there. Graffiti scrawled on walls calls the ruling Socialists

'lackeys of capitalism.' Posters are up, depicting what seems to be a man smothering in a sea of pink, mocking their accomplishments Postcards flood the market with horrific graphics, under epigrams such as "There are men who without a tie are nobody," or 'How can you say prisons are necessary, you who have never been a prisoner.'

All this is the work of a turbulent, fractious, but still alive National Confederation of Labor, the once formidible army of Spanish anarcho-syndicalists that numbered two million in 1936. The band of Bakunin and Kropotkin loyalists is small but hopeful. 'We're regrouping.' said an activist at a table piled high with lierature advising, 'Smash the state--let fun be your career.'"

In the fifteen years I've been an anarchist, the understanding of and sympathy for anarchism has increased dramatically. In the thirteen years I have known David Haenke, he has never shown any understanding of or sympathy for anarchist theory or practice. That is why he wrote Synthesis, because he knows anarchism can and is becoming more widely accepted as a critical and practical approach to creating a radical ecological society, --and this irks him.

Badguy Columbia Anarchist League, PO BOX 380, Columbia, MO 65205

---

102 Sydney Grove
High Farm
Wallsend on Tyne
Tyne and Wead
NE28 9DH
England

Dear Comrades/ Brothers and Sisters,

I read with interest your advertisement in Freedom 14-1-84 about the reorganization of SRAF. As an ex-member of SRAF now living in England I can only wish the Federation every success in the future. I used to live and work in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and we used to have a SRAF group in that city. I travelled a number of times to SRAF conferences and met many groups and individuals between 1976 and 1978. I remember particularly the comrades in Champaign/Urbana, Madison, Milwaukee, and New York and if they read this letter and remember me, then I would love them to get in touch with me at above address. I was a member of SRAF from 1972-1979 and still wear my SRAF (black star on red background) badge everywhere I go (with pride I might add). I am now active in Anarchist Anarcho/Syndicalist politics here in New Castle, England. I enclose a donation for your SRAF funds, and by doing so I formally reapply to be an individual member of SRAF even though living in England.

Best of luck with the Bulletin and all SRAF endeavors for the future.

Love and Struggle,

Pete Ridley

PS-Remember Carl Harp/ Ed Stover. Give my love to Joffre Stewart and other old SRAFers. Long live Anarchy. Long live the Social Revolution.

Dear SRAF

I am a schoolboy @ of 15 and I and a fellow @ of 42 both pacifist @ fell in love. Now my lover is being prosecuted for gross indecency with me which did take place but only with my consent. And it only all came out because a lad called Tim (16) split after my lover Doug saved his life an theyd be having an affair too also with my consent. As Doug didnt mind me going with girls from time to time or me humiliating him if I wanted to. Tim had also given his consent to go with Doug yet the state are doing my lover for two attempted buggers with Tim, 2 gross indecencys with Tim an 2 gross indecencys with me. I think its all wrong and sadistic, Doug always said he loved me 4 ways like a son. like a nephew like a friend and like a lover an he does. An I love him like a dad, like a uncle like a friend and like a lover too.

At first I denied all. Then after Doug and my girlfriend Linda had said things thru police trickery and pressure on them I said just what they had said which were true no more. Why the state has to intervene with my bisexual transvestite tendencys I dont know, an why send my lover to jail and bail hostels and prosecute him when we really are in love with each other. I give him lots of hassle putting things (water (old tea) down his briefs chucked yogurt all over his walls and all over him banged nonstop on his windows hours on end. How they didnt break I dont know. He is a kind passionate generes man who would not hurt a fly. An he was marvellous to me an with his cats, guinea pigs, mouse and stick insects. Even the latter were taken to vet if off coluour.

Despite his lack of funds he gave me total freedom in every sense of the word. I hope he avoids jail that 3 month or remains fine. Time inside at 42 an on rule must have been terrible for him. I use too laugh when he said the state did this n that. I knew they were swines but always thought Doug exaggerated. You know now I know he were right an Ill remember it always. I hope whatever happens one day we will meet again and resume our love affair again. We had everything love, trust, compassion an sex. An all without coercion.

I wrote similar to Freedom and one of Doug's @mates said he had too. But Freedom mysterously didnt appear that issue. Neither of us have been allowed to make contact so they were done on a asp basis by the sounds of it. Well Doug just to close I know now the states and its hierarchys all of it are the twats you said they were. Also I know you love me an I love you. I heard remember the you broke down once at Lindas quite your pluce crying because we thought it all over. Youve cried again for me twice in police station three times in Armley, 3 times at Elmsbank once at Keighley. How do I know that? Ive got contacts too @ ones. Now well Doug, pause for tears. Well Doug I do still and always will love you them 4 ways we always say and you wont believe this Doug Ive cried over you six times 3 in company me the masculine bossy Shaun. Yes I cried six times Doug cause I still love you Doug always will. Fuck the state now Doug. XXXXXXX for you from me Shaun an lets corpulate soon OK XOXO.

-- Shaun Lunn

May Day
c/o Autonomy Center
3951 N. Ashland
Chicago, IL 60613

Dear friends of Anarchy,

May 1986 marks the 100th anniversary of the Haymarket Affair. May Day draws its significance from the brutal suppression of the workers' movement at Haymarket Square that culminated in the murder of five Chicago Anarchists. Haymarket is a perfect example of state and capital recognizing Anarchism as a serious threat to their power. It is an event for revolutionaries to remember because, although our numbers may now be small, as we go stronger another Captain Bonfield will appear and once again we will be threatened with courts, prison, and death.

1984 marks the 50th anniversary of the Spanish Revolution. The 50th anniversary of the Haymarket Affair in 1936 drew thousands to Chicago, including comrades from Spain. To the end of commemorating these events and of bringing together as many comrades as possible to meet, conspire, swap stories, and exchange ideas and propaganda, we propose the following:

A GATHERING OF ANARCHISTS IN CHICAGO ON APRIL 28 - MAY 1, 1984 for the following purposes:

1) PLANNING FOR 1986 EVENTS

2) WORKING ON AND COORDINATING ANTI-ELECTORAL EVENTS AND PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE 1984 U.S. ELECTIONS

3) HAVING A GOOD TIME MEETING AND BEING WITH MANY OTHER COMRADES

This event is being called jointly by the groups listed below. No specifics have been determined yet! dates and times aren't even set. This is where you come in. Please write to us with your ideas and suggestions. We shall be issuing more information as we find out how the international Ⓐ movement views this idea. Please use the form below side to let us know whether you are coming, or think you might be. We need some idea of the numbers in order to arrange for meetings, housing, meals, etc.

You may become a supporter by simply informing us of your support for this gathering, in which case your name or your group's name will be added to those listed below. The more supporters, the more people coming in May, the more likely it is that other people will get here.

Our next wave of publicity on the A-VENT will be the issuing of a press release to all Ⓐ and friendly periodicals around the end of February. The second half of March will see an even larger mailing with more specifics, including the dates. Small donations or postage to offset the cost of this pre-A-VENT publicity would be appreciated.

FOR ANARCHY

Supporting Groups

Autonomy Center
3951 N. Ashland
Chicago, IL 60613

Mid-Hudsen Associates
Box 310
Rosendale, NY 12472

Friends of Liberty
PO Box 57
West Nyack, NY 10994

Wooden Shoe Books
112 S. 20th Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

Name:

Address:

I (we) want to be listed as supporters of the 1984 gathering.

_____ people will be attending the 1984 gathering.

_____ people might be attending May '84

☐ the Weekend of April 27-29 ☐ the Weekend of May 4-6
would be better to have A-Vents this year.

SOLIDARITY APPEAL FROM SPAIN (Montreal, Feb. 1984)

Since Jan, 9, 1984, Fidel Manrique Garrido, serving 32 years in Segovia Prison, has been on a hunger strike, to demand the application of Article 70, Regulation 2 of the Penal Code to his case. The Valladolid Provincial Court has continually ignored written petitions to this effect. Article 70, Regulation 2 specifies that a prisoner may not serve more than three times the longest sentence received for any single crime among several tried separately, if all infractions could have been tried together. Fidel Manrique's sentence would be reduced to 18 years if the letter of the law is observed. Readers of "Black Flag", "CNT", or "Solidaridad Obrera" will remember Fidel Manrique's contributions to these papers. He has spent nine years in jail since 1973 and deserves our support. Messages of solidarity may be sent to the nearest Spanish representative or telegrammed to the following Socialist authorities responsible for his case:

Excmo. Sr. Martinez Zato Director General de Prisiones Ministerio de Justicia Madrid SPAIN	Sr. Director Penal de Segovia Apartado Correos 113 Segovia SPAIN

So that you may get some idea of who and what I am, let me say that I am sprung from the ranks of the "Common criminal" and that during a term of 3 years (served from 1973 to 1976) I got to know anarchist ideas through some people who were imprisoned for those very beliefs. When I was released from prison in 1976 I had already come to the conclusion that if there was any cause worht the bother of struggling to advance that cause was Anarchy; consequently, upon the return to the city where I had lived (Santandor, in Northern Spain) I got in touch with a group of comrades who were trying to rebuild the CNT and joined them, because it is my belief that anarchosyndicalism is an effective midwife to the social revolution. In October 1977, I fled from Santandor when a warrant was issued for my arrest due to the activation of a suspended sentence passed on me by the Barcelona High Court. I moved to Valladolid, joining an anarchist action group with which I carried out some expropriations of banks as well as planting explosive devices and other minor activities. On 1 May 1978 I was arrested and since then I have been in prison; I was sentenced to a total of 34 years and 5 days for 3 expropriations (or as the judges put it "robberies"), the planting of a bomb in the Palace of Justice in Valladlid and possession of weapons and explosives. As you can see, the prospects are none too agreeable, for I am 31 years old now and if things go on at the present rate, and my luck does not change I will be an old man by the time I get out. However, for all that my spirits are high.

What I should like and the favour I ask of you is that you should put me in touch with comrades from all over the globe so that I may correspond with them. When it comes to writing I can only write in Spanish or in Esperanto, but I can make arrangements to have anything in english, French, Italian, and Portuguese read to me. I give you carte blanche to put me in touch with comrades worldwide whether through announcements in the anarchist press or any other method you deem suitable.

Salud y anarquia

Fidel Manrique Garrido
Apartado de Correos 113
Segovia, SPAIN

this letter was printed in Black Flag, May 1982

CIRC.nº 2/rel.

C.R.I.F.A.

Commission de Relations de l'Internationale des Fédérations Anarchistes

c/o Giorgio Sacchetti – Via Andrea Doria 12 – 52100 Arezzo – Italie

Arezzo (Italy), February 22, 1984

To Anarchist Federations
and Groups

Dear comrades,

the CRIFA-Secretariat (relations' committee among Federations members of the IFA), had a meeting in Savona (Italy) on January 15th 1984 with delegates of french Fédération Anarchiste, Federaciòn Anarquista Iberica, Federazione Anarchica Italiana and Union Anarchiste Bulgare in exile. The CRIFA-Secretariat had been instructed to adress both the federations following the IFA (anarchist International) and the libertarian groups of countries where do not exist organized federations, with the aim of urging the international contacts of cooperation and solidarity among the libertarian movements in the world.

The IFA is a federative body which assures regular relations and the coordination of the activities of all federations in order to strengthen the influence of international anarchism. This definition is also the essence of the association pact of the IFA itself. It is evident that every federation mantains its own autonomy and its own characteristics. After the international Anarchist Congress of London in 1958, the VIIIth Congress of the Federazione Anarchica Italiana in 1965 proposed a call of a wordly anarchist congress. In 1968 the IFA was a reality; the 1st Congress of constitution in Carrara (Italy) had a presence of delegates from 30 countries (2nd Congress: Paris 1971; 3rd: Carrara 1978). The IFA is now 16 and it remains faithful to the association pact, it is a reality which continue. "Bulletin CRIFA" is the organ of expression and connection of the IFA (Editorial office: 145 rue Amelot, 75011 Paris, France).

Please, dear comrades, send us a little report with news about the press, the organisation and the activities of your libertarian movement and about the social and politic situation of own country. Send answers to: Giorgio Sacchetti, via Andrea Doria 12, 52100 Arezzo, Italy.

Please publish this communication in your newspaper.

Yours in struggle

CRIFA – Secretariat
(Marzocchi, Siracusa, Sacchetti)

Giorgio Sacchetti

The POLKAHOLICS MANIFESTO

Wild intercourse with the void as often as possible is required/desired in order to produce contradiction. We shall not paint politicians as gods and gods as politicians, concern is placed only on the irrelevant. We're trying to convince them to file bankruptcy. If God existed he wouldn't bother with this shit-hole. This is the only way we'd want it so give it a rest. Your hopes are your anchor drag you down. Hey! In your head! Are those moth-balls or marbles? Chaotic sperm float in space between our ears finding rhythm in an inebriate's time. Undefined time is our goal. We live in opulent splendor, in ant-hill pornography. Dare to be a toad like us. Expanding as art the twofold world contradicts itself and thus art is found in idiocies.

If the ashtray is full you must eat your cigarette!

SRAF Groups:

SRAF Boston (JCC), 41 Lawrence St, Medford, Ma 02155
Left Bank Books, 92 Pike St, Seattle, Wash 98101
SRAF DC, Box 21017, Washington, DC 20009
Presence International, Box 5, Rosendale, NY 12472
Alternative Gallery, c/o VGR Initiative, Box 20037, Athens, 11810, Greece
Minitrue, Box 4081, Sheridan, Wyo 82801
APE, Box 7033, Boulder, Colo 80306
AAA, Box 11331, Eugene, Ore 97440
Anarcho-Cynicalists, 2000 Center St #1314, Berkeley, Ca 94704
Bound Together Books, 1369 Haight St, San Francisco, Ca 94117
Friends of Liberty, Box 57, West Nyack, Wy 10994
Mid-Hudson Associates, Box 310, Rosendale, NY 12472
26 Blackbirds, 323 Fourth St, Cloquet, Minn 55720
Reich Study Group, 3169 Colorado Ave, Camden, NJ 08104
RAAG, Box 77326, Atlanta, Ga. 30357
Columbia Anarchist League, Box 380, Columbia, Mo 65205
Resurgence, Box 2824 Sta A, Champaign, Ill 61820
LEAF, Box 18488, Denver, Colo 80218
Freedom Press, Angel Alley, 84b,Whitechapel High St, London E1 7QX England
League of Notions, 128 E 7th St #5, Junction City, Ka 66444
CRIFA, CP22, 17100 Savona, Italy
Autonomy Center, 3951 N Ashland Ave, Chicago, Ill 60613

THE GOVERNMENTS

WON'T EVER ABOLISH THE WARS....

SO, LETS ABOLISH BOTH WARS AND GOVERNMENTS!

WAR IS THE HEALTH OF STATE